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SUBJECT: ECOSOC 55TH SESSION - UNIDO SENIOR OFFICER POSTS

1.DURING RECENT DINNER DISCUSSION OF SENIOR UNIDO POSTS BETWEEN DAVIDSON AND STIBRAVY, DAVIDSON EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE DOUBT THAT PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH ASG LEVEL POST FOR DEPUTY EX DIRECTOR WOULD CLEAR ACABQ/FIFTH COMMITTEE. IN THIS CONNECTION DAVIDSON NOTED DEPARTURE OF BIRCKHEAD ON JUNE 30 (ON WHICH VIENNA MISSION HAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED) AND DESIGNATION BY ABDEL-RAHMAN OF BARBOSA (BRAZIL - CHIEF OF FINANCIAL SERVICES) TO BE ACTING DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION (PRESUMABLY AS FIRST STEP TO HIS APPOINTMENT TO BE DIRECTOR), SUGGESTING THAT END RESULT OF GAME FOR SENIOR UNIDO POSTS MIGHT WELL BE THAT US ENDED UP LOSING ONE OF THE TWO D-2 POSTS WITH NO ASG/DEPUTY POSITION HAVING BEEN ESTABLISHED. SUBSEQUENT TO CONVERSATION WITH DAVIDSON, SADDLER (CONTROLLER'S OFFICE) INFORMED US THAT BARBOSA BEING PUT IN FOR PROMOTION TO D-2 IN ORDER MAKE POSSIBLE
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HIS PERMANENT APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF

ADMINISTRATION. SADDLER OBSERVED THAT THIS MIGHT HAPPEN QUICKLY. THIS WOULD OF COURSE, MEAN THAT WITH GUIJANE-CABALLERO HANGING ON AS DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL CORPORATION DIVISION LATIN AMERICA WOULD HOLD 2 OF 5 DIVISON DIRECTORSHIPS.

2. IN LIGHT OF UNCERTAIN OUTCOME THIS MATTER WE FEEL THAT DEPARTMENT SHOULD AGAIN REVIEW DESIRABILITY OF MAKING CLEAR TO NY AND VIENNA THAT, IF DEPUTY POST NOT ESTABLISHED AND FILLED BY AMERICAN, WE WILL WANT TO CONTINUE TO HOLD TWO D-2 POSTS. SINCE NO INDICATION AT THIS TIME THAT PROPOSED PROGRAM EVALUATION UNIT IN EX DIRECTOR'S OFFICE WILL BE UPGRADED BEYOND LEVELS PRESENTLY SET IN UNIDO P/B FOR 1974-75, WE WOULD, ASSUMING AMERICAN WILL BE APPOINTED TO SUCCEED STEPANEK AS DIRECTOR OF ISI DIVISION, HAVE TO LOOK TO DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION OR TO D-2 POST OF SENIOR ADVISER WHICH HAS BEEN HELD BY WARD (AUSTRALIA) WHO WILL RETIRE SHORTLY. THIS WOULD MEAN ATTEMPTING TO KEEP FINAL DECISION ON SUCCESSION TO BIRCKHEAD OPEN BY HAVING BARBOSA HELD IN ACTING DIRECTOR STATUS FOR NEXT 3/4 MONTHS BY WHICH TIME IT WILL HOPEFULLY BECOME CLEAR WHETHER DEPUTY DIRECTOR POST WILL BE ESTABLISHED. THIS MIGHT BE ACHIEVED BY APPROACH TO DAVIDSON (LATTER APPEARED SYMPATHETIC TO OUR PROBLEM IN THIS REGARD) ACCOMPANIED AT SAME TIME OR SUBSEQUENTLY BY SUBMISSION OF NAES IN VIENNA AND NEW YORK FOR BIRCKHEAD AND/OR WARD POSTS IF THIS APPEARS DESIRABLE. DAVIDSON SCHEDULED RETURN NEW YORK FROM VACATION IN GREECE O/A JULY 27.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION DAVIDSON COUNSELED THAT ALL NOMINATIONS BY US FOR DEPUTY EX DIRECTOR AND D-2 POSTS BE FORMALLY SUBMITTED IN NEW YORK TO HIS OFFICE AS WELL AS TO ABDEL-RAHMAN IN ORDER TO PREVENT ABDEL-RAHMAN FROM "KEEPING SUCH NOMINATIONS TO HIMSELF". DAVIDSON, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT US HAD PUT IN SOME HALF-DOZEN NAMES FOR THE ISI D-2 POST, REMARKING THAT ABDEL-RAHMAN HAD NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THIS TO HIM OR WALDHEIM AND THAT IT CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD BE VERY USEFUL FOR NEW YORK TO BE INFORMED OF ALL NOMINATIONS FOR SENIOR POSTS IN ORDER TO BE ABLE BETTER TO JUDGE ABDEL-RAHMAN'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS.BASSIN

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